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California's Proposition 65 Science Advisory Board included ETS as a part of its May 5, 1994, meeting agenda. That meeting was covered on behalf of the industry by T.I./Covington (Clausen Ely attended). A review of data on ETS as a purported "developmental and reproductive toxicant" was presented to the Board by scientists from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California EPA.

The data summary on ETS, which was released by OEHHA on April 8, 1994, states that ETS "is a high priority candidate for consideration by the DART Identification Committee. . . . There are sufficient data available to permit an evaluation of the reproductive and developmental toxicity of ETS to be made." The authors of the summary indicate that although agency scientists have reviewed epidemiologic and animal data published between 1966 and 1992, "there are no existing regulatory documents or full literature reviews" on the purported developmental and reproductive toxicity of ETS. They also note that primary tobacco smoke is already listed under Proposition 65 as a "developmental, male reproductive and female reproductive toxicant."

Members of the Board's Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity (DART) Committee reportedly have the option to proceed with a full review of ETS for listing under Proposition 65. A full review of ETS would involve formal regulatory notification and evaluation of all available evidence.

We have not, as yet, confirmed any schedule or dates for further Health Hazard Assessment actions.

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